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- The Russians allegedly informed the Austrian Government that all coal gas lines running to Vienna from Leopoldau are German property and are being taken over by the Russians. Leopoldau provides one-third of the total cas consumption of Vienna in the summer, and one-sixth in the winter.
- The Austrian Finance Ministry allegedly replied in a note to the Soviet authorities that these coal gas lines were built after the Anschluss, but with Austrian capital, and were never German-owned.
- It is not known if the Russians replied to the note.

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